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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a file wrapper continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/387,003, filed July 28, 1989, and addresses issues raised in the final Office Action (mailed May 3, 1991) of that parent case. The pending claims of the parent case (claims 1, 35-41 and 53-62) were rejected as: 1) anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(a); and/or 2) obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103. Each of these rejections is specifically addressed in the remarks below.

REMARKS

I. Anticipation (35 U.S.C. §102(a))

A. The Rejection

Claims 1, 35-39 and 53-59 stand rejected as anticipated by the MBR product information sheet. The Applicants have asserted that the storage buffer of the MBR product resulted from information provided by the Applicants. However, the Examiner maintained his